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The General Crop Report.

Information from the Agricultural Marketing Service, broadcast by Wallace L. Kadderly Friday, July 11, 1941, in the Department of Agriculture's portion of the National Farm and Home Hour over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

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The crop report covering the expected yields of the more important crops as of July first - was issued by the Department of Agriculture at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The report says that this year of 1941 seems likely to be another good crop year, now that the drought conditions which threatened in the East have been relieved. It's too early to determine the probable yields of cotton, and many things can happen to change the actual size of other late crops. But, the indications on July first were that the yields per acre -- of crops other than cotton - would exceed even the record yields of these crops harvested last season and would be several percent higher than in any year since 1915.

Corn is expected to show the biggest yield since 1920 - with the crop estimated at 2 billion 549 million bushels. This year's wheat crop at nearly 925 million bushels would be a hundred million bushels over last year and would make it the fifth biggest wheat crop on record. Also, the estimated yield of wheat is placed at slightly over 16 bushels per acre - the third highest in 75 years.

Fruit crops were favored with good growing weather in nearly all important producing areas. Larger crops are expected this year for peaches, grapes, plums, prunes, and commercial apples; while supplies of pears and cherries may be small. The acreage of the principal vegetable crops grown for canning and processing appears to be nearly a fifth larger than a year ago; while production of milk and eggs continued at relatively high levels through June.

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